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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
UNIT**

Cooperative Effort Between
Police, Legal Services,
Victim Services and
Abuser Services

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WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT?

The Purpose of the Domestic Violence Unit is to reduce the number of domestic violence victims by providing an integrated response to the problem of domestic violence.

The Bloomington Police Department, as well as a Victim Advocate from Countering Domestic Violence (CDV) Neville House work together to provide safety for victims and assure appropriate services are available for victims, abusers, and for couples experiencing relationship difficulties.



ABUSER SERVICES

Assessment and counseling services are available for those accused and/or convicted of domestic battery. Individuals who have used verbal and/or physical violence in varying degrees of severity are urged to seek counseling. One does not have to be involved in the court system to receive services. In fact, when individuals receive services in the early stages of these unhealthy patterns, they may actually avoid the need for law enforcement involvement.

There are 3 agencies in McLean County that are approved by the State Department of Mental Health to offer such services:

A.V.E.R.T

Accused Violators

Early Response Team (309) 828-2862

BROMENN

Counseling Services (309) 829-0790

CHESTNUT HEALTH SYSTEMS

Invitation to

Responsibility (309) 451-8200

COUNTERING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

♀ (CDV) ♂

NEVILLE HOUSE

A Victim Advocate from CDV contacts the victims and other individuals who are determined to benefit from CDV services. The many services offered by CDV are explained and are offered at no cost. These services include:

- ★ 24 Hour Hotline: 827-7070
- ★ Emergency Shelter (NevilleHouse)
- ★ Legal Advocacy: 888-5521
- ★ Outreach Intervention Services
- ★ Support Groups for Victims of Domestic Violence
- ★ Support Groups for Children Dealing with Domestic Violence
- ★ Parenting Classes and Groups
- ★ Community Education/Training

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bloomington Police Department currently has three officers who are assigned full-time to the Domestic Violence Unit. These officers have received specialized training in the area of domestic violence and in the collection of evidence needed for prosecution. They also act as a resource for other officers in the field.

The officers and the victim advocate work together to insure that the victims are aware of their rights and available resources. The



The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is: To work in partnership with the citizens of Bloomington and to enforce the laws and enhance the quality of life in our community

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Bloomington Police Department

Main# (309) 434-2900

Domestic Violence Unit (309) 434-2358

VICTIM SERVICES

Neville House

24 Hours Hotline (309) 827-7070

McLean County

State's Attorney's Office

Domestic Violence Unit (309) 888-5521

Chestnut Health Systems*

Secure Program (309) 451-8200

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Neville House (309) 827-7070

For Children's Sake (309) 438-3615

ABUSER SERVICES

A.V.E.R.T.* (309) 828-2860

Bromenn

Counseling Services* (309) 829-0790

Chestnut Health Systems (309) 451-8200

*A fee is charged for these services

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